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SUBJ: PORTUGAL AND NATO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

REF: A. STATE 071341;

B. USNATO 5853, OCTOBER 22, 1974;

C. USNATO 5754, OCTOBER 17, 1974;

D. USNATO 5672, OCTOBER 15, 1974;

E. USNATO 5688, OCTOBER 15, 1974;

F. STATE 226160, OCTOBER 14, 1974

1. ABIDIAN AND HIS TEAM WERE IN PORTUGAL OCTOBER 8 THRU 12, 1974, AND SUBMITTED BI-PHASED REPORT TO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS ON OCTOBER 14 (REFS D AND E): FIRST PORTION (REF D) WAS FROM DIRECTOR OF SECURITY, PERSONAL FOR SECRETARY GENERAL; SECOND PORTION (REF E) ALTHOUGH ADDRESSED SIMILARLY FROM DIRECTOR OF SECURITY TO SECRETARY GENERAL, WAS INTENDED TO BE PASSED TO PORTUGUESE. FOLLOWING MEETING OCTOBER 16 BETWEEN SECRETARY GENERAL, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL, U.S. CHARGE MCAULIFFE, DIRECTOR OF CABINET VAN CAMPEN AND ABIDIAN (REF C), THE SECOND PORTION WAS SLIGHTLY REVISED, ESSENTIALLY SYNTHESIZING FIRST 11 PARAGRAPHS AND ELIMINATING THE RECOMMENDATION OF PARA 22 H. OF REF E REGARDING INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION. AS RESULT OF OCTOBER 16 MEETING, ABIDIAN SUBMITTED A NEW SECOND PORTION (REF B) DATED 18 OCTOBER, REFLECTING THE ABOVE CHANGES.

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2. ON THAT BASIS (SEE REF B, PARA 2) NO INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION OTHER THAN THAT IN COSMIC TOP SECRET OR ATOMAL CATEGORIES HAS BEEN WITHHELD FROM PORTUGAL BY NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF OR, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THE NATO INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF.

3. ABIDIAN HAS NOT RAISED THE ISSUE OF PROVIDING INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION TO PORTUGAL WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL SINCE OCTOBER

16. ABIDIAN BELIEVES, HOWEVER, SYG WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE INSTITUTING YET ANOTHER FORMAL LIMITATION ON PORTUGAL'S ACCESS TO NATO INFORMATION AT THIS TIME ON GROUNDS THAT SUCH ACTION COULD CAUSE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE REACTIONS IN PORTUGAL. IN ABIDIAN'S VIEW, RECENT PORTUGUESE DEVELOPMENTS ARE DOUBTLESS CAUSING ALLIES TO SCREEN CAREFULLY THE NATURE AND LEVEL OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION BEING CONTRIBUTED TO NATO.

4. RE PARA 2 REF A, AT TIME OF ORIGINAL TEAM REPORT, SYG LUNS CONSIDERED TEAM RECOMMENDATION FOR A SECOND SECURITY SURVEY OF PORTUGAL TO BE CONDUCTED AFTER PORTUGUESE ELECTIONS IN SPRING 1975 AS MOST APPROPRIATE. HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF EVENTS IN PORTUGAL, SINCE MARCH 11, LUNS AGREED WITH ABIDIAN'S SUGGESTION THAT THE LATTER HANDLE AT HIS OWN LEVEL TALKS WITH PORTUGUESE REGARDING THE EXACT DATE OF THE SECOND SURVEY. ABIDIAN HAS BEEN UNDER PRESSURE FROM NATO PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR WHO INSISTS SECOND SURVEY BE CONDUCTED DURING MAY 1975 SO THAT "THIS UNTENABLE SITUATION OF PORTUGAL NOT RECEIVING SAME INFORMATION AS OTHER MEMBERS NATIONS WILL BE TERMINATED AND RECTIFIED FORTHWITH." ABIDIAN HAS MAINTAINED THAT A SECOND SURVEY WOULD BE PREMATURE BEFORE THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY HAS COMPLETED ITS TASK, AND THAT THIS AUTUMN SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. IN SEPARATE TALKS WITH TWO MEMBERS OF THE PORTUGUESE NATIONAL SECURITY AUTHORITY AND THEN WITH THE HEAD OF THE NEW 2ND DIVISION, GENERAL GOMES CARDOSO, ABIDIAN HAS OBTAINED THEIR SUPPORT OF HIS SCENARIO. PEREZ

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